ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT : I have received some notices of motion for the adjournment of the business of the House.

Mr. K. Dominic Joseph has given notice of the following motion :—

> "I beg leave to move for the adjournment of the business of the House, for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.* the serious situation created by the war in the Far East, which threatens to embroil the countries supplying paddy and rice to this country, with the possible danger of cutting off supplies therefrom, and to consider the necessity to formulate a definite scheme for producing paddy in the State, within a definite period, sufficient to meet the needs of the country."

Has the honourable member the leave of the House? In the first place, I should like to know this. Mr. Dominic Joseph, is it your idea that within a short period the cultivation of paddy should be increased, sufficient to meet the needs of the country or do you desire to give any constructive suggestions as to what should be done? That is how I consider it as urgent and important. You cannot raise the production of paddy within a definite period in quantities sufficient to meet the needs of the country. As the wording is, it is like that.

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH : To consider a plan extending to a definite period within which paddy could be produced sufficiently to meet the needs of the State. That is my idea.

No objection was raised to the motion.

PRESIDENT : I hope the matter is of sufficient importance and is urgent. I give tomorrow afternoon for the discussion.

Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar has given notice of the following adjournment motion :—

> "The situation brought about in the country with special reference to the area commanded by the Kodayar Project, by the Notification R. O. C. No. 1500/39/Rev. in the Government Gazette dated 21st January 1941, regarding the removal of silt, clay or sand free of seigniorage from tanks under the control of the Revenue Department."

When was this notification? What is the urgency there?

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : It is very urgent, because the silt or clay manure is ordinarily used by the ryots particularly in the area commanded by the Kodayar Project. It is cheaper than organic manure or chemical manure.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. I want to know the reason for suggesting it as urgent.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Sir,...

PRESIDENT : When a very ready debator hesitates so much, I come to the conclusion that it is not urgent.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : It is very urgent, Sir.

PRESIDENT : Please explain how?

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MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: The manure that is ordinarily used by the ryots is the silt or clay from the tank beds. That is frequently used in Nanjanad, the area covered by the Kodayar Project. Now, Government, by a notification R. O. C. No. 1500/39/Rev. dated 21-1-1941 restrict the removal of the clay or sand or silt from tank beds. Moreover 11 Rules are passed and Rule No. 9 states that permission from the Tahsildar or Division Peishkar or Engineer is necessary. That will take 2 or 3 months. Now in the months of Masi and Panguni—in these two months alone it will be possible for the ryots at Nanjanad to locate the silt.

PRESIDENT: I find that Mr. Narayanaperumal Nadar has sent up the notice for adjournment based on a notification published in the Government Gazette on 21-1-41 and the action taken thereon. I understand this matter is pending with the Land Revenue Commissioner. Is that so?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: The petition is pending.

PRESIDENT: Well, as the matter is pending consideration, does the honourable member press the motion?

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: I see another adjournment motion, by Mr. K. P. Kochukora Tharakan which runs thus:

> "I beg leave to move that the business of the House be adjourned for discussing a definite urgent matter of public importance, namely, the serious situation created by the State Congress and other organisations collecting money from the public on the pretext of advancing the cause of the poor and the necessity of Government supervision in such matters."

Mr. Kochukora Tharakan, what is the urgency of it and how do you expect Government to supervise the collections from private individuals?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ചേത്തല ദുരിതനിവാരണത്തിനാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു സ്റ്റേറ്റ് കോൺഗ്രസ് പണം പിരിക്കാൻ കുറെ നല്ല മാന്യന്മാരായി കരുതിയിരിക്കുന്നു. വല്ലതും കൊടുത്തുകഴിഞ്ഞാൽ ചിലപ്പോൾ രാജ്യദ്രോഹത്തിനായിരിക്കും ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തുന്നത്. ചിലപ്പോൾ സ്വന്തം ചെലവിനും പുരുക്കും ചിലതു ചേത്തല അയയ്ക്കുന്നതിനും ഉപയോഗപ്പെട്ടേയ്ക്കാം. അതു നിയന്ത്രിച്ചില്ലെങ്കിൽ വലിയ കുഴപ്പമാണ്.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The fact that there is distress and that distress must be relieved go without saying. If there are people who are willing to entrust money to members of the State Congress or other private organisations relying upon their assurance that they are going to apply it for the relief of the poor by way of distribution of tapioca or some such thing, what will the Government do in that matter? I should like to know what is the point in that.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള സബ്സ്ക്രിപ്ഷൻ ഗവർമ്മെൻറിന്റെ അനുവാദമില്ലാതെ പിരിക്കാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നു വ്യവസ്ഥചെയ്യണം.

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PRESIDENT: I fully understand the implication of this motion. All monyes-public subscriptions-collected for philanthrapic purposes are not always subject to full scrutiny. But I do not think that the Government can act in the matter. On the whole therefore I cannot allow this adjournment motion.

MESSAGE FROM THE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

SECRETARY: I beg to report that the following message has been received from the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council :—

"Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council has at its meeting held on the 28th January 1941 agreed without any amendment to the following Bills which were passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the dates noted against each :—

1. The Travancore Maintenance Orders Enforcement Bill. 22nd January 1941.
2. The Travancore Companies Act (Amendment) Bill ... Do.
3. The Travancore Explosives Bill... Do.
4. The Travancore Patents and Designs Bill .. Do.
5. The Travancore Hindu Religious Endowments Act (Amendment) Bill ... Do.
6. The Travancore Provident Funds Bill 23rd January 1941.
7. The Travancore Christian Guardianship Bill ... 24th January 1941."

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

SECRETARY: I beg to report that the following Bills received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja :—

1. The Trvancore Maintenance Orders Enforcement Bill.
2. The Travancore Companies Act (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Travancore Explosives Bill.
4. The Travancore Patents and Designs Bill.
5. The Travancore Hindu Religious Endowments Act (Amendment) Bill.
6. The Travancore Provident Funds Bill.
7. The Travancore Christian Guardianship Bill.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to place before the House, under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, a statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 32 of Act II of 1108.

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